

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 19-34 and 49, rejected claims 23 and 24 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and rejected claims 1-18, 35-48 and 50-60 in view of cited references. Claims 19, 23, 25, 33 and 49 have been amended to overcome the objections to claims 19-34 and 49 as well as the rejection of claims 23 and 24 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Additionally, to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 1-18, 35-48 and 50-60 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, the rejection of these claims is rendered moot, as such, Applicants do not acquiesce, admit or otherwise agree with the Examiner's rejection of these claims in view of the cited references.

Accordingly, claims 19-34 and 49 remain pending in the application. Since the Office Action indicated that claims 19-34 and 49 recite allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. PETAP001).

Respectfully submitted,

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